IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.2612 OF 2005

Mohammed Siddique Qureshi. ... Applicant.
Versus.
State of Maharashtra. ... Respondent.

Shri Arfan Sait, Advocate (appointed) for the Applicant.

Ms.Rajashtree Gadhvi, A.P.P. for the Respondent.

CORAM : ABHAY S. OKA, J.

DATED : 14th July, 2005.

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Counsel appearing for the parties. The grievance of the Applicant in this application filed through the Jail is that he is facing trial under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and from 8th August 2002 he is languishing in Jail but there is no progress made in the trial. The learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant appointed to represent the Applicant has taken pains to peruse the record of the concerned Special Court which is trying offences under the NDPS Act. He states that the charge has been framed on 8th April 2005 and the date fixed for trial is tomorrow i.e. 14th July 2005.

2. Considering large pendency of cases under the NDPS Act before the Special Court in Mumbai, time bound programme cannot be fixed for disposal of the case. However, the learned Special Judge will consider of

giving priority to those cases, including the present case, wherein the accused are in custody for a long time.

3. Accordingly the Application is disposed of. Copy of this order be forwarded to the Applicant.

Judge.